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## STANDBYS--WE NEED YOU!!

Game 1972BG: Will Mr. Thomas please submit standby orders for England? Mr. Weidmark can back up.

Game 1972CK: Will Mr. Chin please submit standby orders for France? Mr. Nelson can back up.

This issue has seen two standbys pick up two countries. Also, one resignation has been given and thus next issue will see another standby take over a position. Thus, it is profitable to be a standby if you have the patience and will accept poor positions.

The Scotice Scripti III game needs more standbys. If Mr. Nielsen takes over, we'll have only Mr. Swies as a standby for this game.

Mr. Abbott has requested to be taken off the standby list for Game 1972AZ. Thus, it is now: 1. Lindauer, 2. Chin, and 3. Moran we still can use more standbys.

Hopefully, next issue will see a complete new and up-to-date list of all standbys. Next issue, as a matter of fact, will be another large issue since I want to print the entire mailing list of Impassable. There has been a lot of changes, and it is long overdue for printing.

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Society would be a charming affair if we were only interested in one another.

---Chamfort.

The mouse that hath but one hole is quickly taken. ---Herbert.

## GAME OPENINGS IN RECENT TRADES

Ipomoea. John Lawrey Jr., Box 86, Salome, AZ 85348. Regular openings, limited at \$3.50 and one 8¢ stamp gamefee. Has a new variant zine, but I don't have info on that. Stuttgart Sentinel. David Staples, RR 1, Box 120, Fargo, ND 58102. Gamefee is a sub plus 8¢ stamp per turn plus a partially refundable deposit of \$1. Sub is 7/\$1.00.

Claw & Fang. Don Horton, 16 Jordan Ct., Sacramento, CA 95826. Limited openings. Game fee is \$4. Will run on a four-season gameyear schedule. Also has a Publishers Grand Tournament game, but only one opening remains for a publisher!

Minas Vala-Anda. John Biehl, 4002 West 32nd Ave., Vancouver 8, B.C., Canada. A new variant zine by an IDA Council member. Sub is \$3.00 per year (Money Order is preferred.), and openings in several variants: Regular Diplomacy--Game fee is \$4, includes sub. Ancient Hebrew Kingdom Diplomacy--GF is \$3, IDA members GF is \$2, includes sub. Middle Earth Dip II, Game fee is \$4 and \$3 for IDA members. Middle Earth IV--Game fee is \$5, IDA members is \$3.50. Middle Earth V--Game fee is \$5.00, IDA is \$3.50. All game fees includes sub for length of game.

SPQR. James Massar, 127 N. Emmons St., Dannemora, NY 12929. Regular games as well as variants. Has openings in regular games, Youngstown Variant with his modifications, SE Asia '56, Europe '39 and Europe 1721 (Yes! You can all you want James!). GF is \$1 plus \$3 returnable deposit plus sub of \$2.50 per year. GF for Europe '39 is different, but he neglected to give it. Ask him!

Lost Horizons. John Boyer, 117 Garland Dr., Carlisle, PA 17013. This is a new gamezine that will carry only variants. Is right now working on restarting an orphaned Youngstown Variant, but will run one game of Europe 1721. Game fee is \$6 and will be for the 10-year optional rule version of 1721. Later, a 1721 game will be run with out the 10-year limit, but gamefee will be higher. Other variants are currently being studied.

A.D.A.G. Hal Naus, 1011 Barrett Ave., Chula Vista, CA 92011. Has game openings in regular games at \$4.00. One of the public minded publishers who likes to lose money saving

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orphaned games. Oh well, it takes all kinds of nuts to make up a hobby!

Foreign Office Gazette. Bernie Ackerman, Cheshire Home, 890 Main Rd., Moseley, Natal, South Africa. Has openings in an international game. Wants players from around the world. Will have 6 weeks deadlines. No gamefee, but you must subscribe. For overseas players (this means all that get this rag except for Bernie himself) the sub is \$1.50 for 10 issues airmail, printed paper rate. Send money to his US agent (that's right!), Tom Olesen, 1200 High Ridge Lane, Santa Barbara, CA 93103, U.S. of A. Did I get all of it right Bernie? I think so, and if you people want to play in an international game, here's your chance!

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#### DIPPY NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

A couple of gamezines are folding up, going through phasing out procedures or have already disappeared. Among them are: Alpha, Platypus Pie (phased out), and a few have gone carbon. The lesson to be learned here is that individuals are not necessarily notorious, but will be humans that have changing life aims and changing priorities on the individual basis. People are not the same all the time and must change. Even I will someday cease to publish. Everything comes to an end sometime.

The IDA is coming along quite nicely in spite of all the criticism (which isn't anything new under the sun), and the Council has been very busy working on the details of the Handbook Project, as well as on a multitude of other projects. In my mind, the two biggest and most controversial happenings of the IDA involves the Handbook Project and the Peery-Barants-Birsan Ombudsman Affair. The first is, as I have said, coming along and will be put out before the DipCon. The latter, unfortunately, remains a mystery to many people. I was one who voted against the sanctions on Peery that were later revoked, and simply because I did not know what was going on. I doubt if we ever will get to the bottom of it because all three involved probably have different views as to what happened. Anyhow, the "affair" is over and closed, and everyone is back to normal.

The DipCon coming up this June 22-24 is going to be the biggest event of the year for Diplomacy fans, and I urge all to attend! It was quite a thrill for me last year when I was able to talk and walk with the immortals of this hobby! The only bad part for me last year was when I drew Austria in the tourney

and got blasted to pieces (they ought to have Austria played by computers while the others play for the trophy).

Join the IDA! The dues are now \$2.00 for 1973. Join now and you get all back issues of the Diplomacy Review for 1973. Membership is now over 120! I as the Editor has been running off 150 copies of each DR issue since we feel that we will hit 150 before this year is out. Sometime next year, the DR will probably become the most-widely-circulated zine in the hobby!

On the home front, things have been a little hectic, but progress has definitely been made on the other gamezines that this editor puts out. Aquarius has finally gotten all the dippy players it needs for its first game. However, more subbers are needed for playing the Bourse and Council of Nations games. Sub rate for Aquarius is 12 for \$2.00.

Lost Horizons is a variant zine of mine and you may have noticed that I have just announced openings in my 1721 game with the 10-year optional rule. Besides this game, we are planning on having a space game, a Middle Earth variant, perhaps the Hebrew Game, several half-variants with same board as regular game, Scotice Scripti III, and any others that I can remember later on. It's a long list, but these games will start only one by one until I reach what I feel is maximum enjoyable limit for L.H.

Last, Sunburst is a gamezine that will carry non-dippy games that are not war games. First one to be carried will be Clue. Game fee for this one is only \$2.00 and will be played anonymously to prevent illegal exchanges of clues. The \$2 will be good for 2 or 3 games of Clue to be run simultaneously. Hurry on this one!

I have been getting newcomer requests for information, and the first one I have that I believe is a new blood would be John Wagner, 410 N. Everett, Streator, IL 61364. I have had my name put down on GRI's list of publishers/gamesmasters for newblood. When these letters get going, I'll publish a novice zine for them. Meanwhile, they're getting a free copy of Impassable plus a letter.

That reminds me, the IDA has voted me and Chic Hilliker to be co-chairmen of the Novice Packet Committee. Our job will be to develop a package to be mailed to inquiring newbloods. We will be asking IDA member publishers for samples of their zines to send out. But right now, Chic and I are deciding on the format. See what the IDA can do for you? JOIN NOW!

SCOTICE SCRIPTI III, Autumn & Winter 1015

COA--Charles Reinsel, 6102 Beggs Road, Lockhart, FL 32810. As I understand it, this address will be good for approximately one month after which Charles will return to his Leeper address.

Standby Takeover--Mr. Hollingsworth is resigning from this game. We have two standbys for this game, Nielsen and Swies. Mr. Nielsen has first chance to take Ulster. If he doesn't want it, then I'll ask Mr. Swies to take over Ulster. This game still needs more standbys, however.

ORKNEY AND SCOTLAND PREPARE FOR WAR IN THE NORTHERN BARREN LANDS OF GREAT BRITAIN!

Autumn 1015--Connacht retreats A Leitrim-Tuam and England retreats A Shropshire-Stratford.

Winter 1015--

CONNACHT (Schleinkofer): SP  
ENGLAND (Stone): R F Bristol Channel  
KYMURU (Reinsel): B A Buellt, A Cardigan  
LEINSTER (Hilliker): B F Dublin, A Kildare  
MUNSTER (Cooper): B A Cashel, F Tralee  
ORKNEY (Keller): B A Skye, F Kintyre  
SCOTLAND (Tornesen): B F Lismore (NC), F Dundrennan, A Lothian  
ULSTER (Hollingsworth): B F Down

SPRING 1016 ORDERS due Thursday, April 27, 1973, at noon eastern time.

Winter 1015 Positions--

Connacht: F Galway Bay, A Tuam, A Roscommon (3); England: A Stratford, A Hereford (2); Kymru: A Powys, A Shropshire, F Mona, A Buellt, A Cardigan(5); Leinster: F Wexford, A Uriel, A Meath, F Dublin, A Kildare (5); Munster: A Leitrim, A Limerick, A Cork, A Cashel, F Tralee (5); Orkney: F Durness, F Islay Firth, F Man, A Skye, F Kintyre (5); Scotland: F Chester, A Newcastle, A Caithness, F Lismore (NC), F Dundrennan, A Lothian (6); Ulster: A Donegal, A Armagh, F Drogheda Bay, F Down (4)

Note on Rules--Three times, questions were raised about the ability to build A/Fs during the Winter season. There are several rules which prevent this by interpretation:

1) No builds can be made in a home supply center that is already occupied. 2) Rules 7 and 8 state how to form an A/F. Currently, this is the only way to form an A/F. Thus, this leaves out building A/Fs during retreat or Winter seasons. 3) In the absence of

rules in SSII, the rules of the regular game are to be applied. Only Rules 7 and 8 allows you to place two units in one space, and thus only by doing this can you have an A/F. Thus, you cannot build an A/F even if you have two builds! However, since three people have asked, I will call for a vote on adding a rule. The rule is: Players are allowed to build A/Fs during the Winter season. This can be done in two ways: add a component unit to a unit already in an home center, or by building an A/F from scratch using two normal builds. Answer yes or no. Majority will rule.

Game Analysis from Stonehenge--The great stone speaks! He says the builds were most interesting to watch! It look like as if Orkney and Scotland don't trust each other while Kymru doesn't seem to be worrying about sea invasions at all!

Over in Ireland, the fleet build by Ulster would seem to indicate that Ulster may have sea plans, but with a new player coming in, we won't know what will happen to the power balance on Ireland. By the way, since I think Nielsen will take over, here is his address: 17 Turner St., Greene, NY 13778.

The first power to build an A/F will most likely be either Munster or Scotland. Others don't have the units to spare for this expensive effort! Why? There is an inherent weakness in the A/Fs! They pack power, but you lose mobility and weaken your flanks and other fronts! That extra unit has to be taken from somewhere else and that will weaken that position it came from! So, building A/Fs is a gambler's rose and you'd better be careful with 'em!

Press--

Chester--(under Scott rule) King Malcom II has announced that due to the large increase in taxes and area, two more fleets and an army are to be raised and made ready for use in Spring.

History of Man (from news clipping contributed by Tom Keller)--The tiny Isle of Man, midway between England and Ireland, has been picked as the site for the first world festival of women's liberation, according to an announcement made in London. The seven-day program is planned to start next Sept. 29 (1973).

The symbolism of the site choice eluded us until we read the rest of the dispatch. It reported that the island was the first European territory to let women vote and also was the birthplace of Emmeline Pankhurst, a pioneer in the British suffragette movement. Stonehenge--Destroy that island!

GAME 1970BJ, Autumn & Winter 1906

WILL AUSTRIA GET THE SQUEEZE? WILL ITALY  
STAB FOR A WIN? WHERE IS THE PRESS? WAR!!

Autumn 1906--Russia retreats F NAT-Nwg, and  
disbands F Con

Winter 1906--

AUSTRIA (Beyerlein): B A Bud, A Tri  
ENGLAND (Thomas): SP  
GERMANY (Cooper): B A Kie  
ITALY (Phillips): B A Ven  
RUSSIA (Richter): B A StP

SPRING 1907 ORDERS due Thursday, April 27,  
1973, at noon, eastern time.

Winter 1906 Positions--

Austria: A Ber, A War, A Ukr, A Gal, A Rum,  
A Ser, A Con, F Aeg, A Bud, A Tri (10);  
England: F Lon, F Lvp (2); Germany: A Par,  
F Hol, F Den, A Ruh, A Kie (5); Italy: A  
Boh, A Mun, A Mar, F Bre, F Eng, F NAT, F Wes,  
F Eas, A Ven (9); Russia: F Nwg, F Yor, A  
Mos, F Sev, A Arm, A Ank, F Smy, A StP (8)

No Press!

GAME 1972AZ, Autumn & Winter 1905

HOW WILL THE BIG THREE BREAK UP? WILL THE  
LITTLE THREE SURVIVE THIS WAR? WHO KNOWS?

Autumn 1905--France retreats F Ion-Aeg, and  
Germany disbands A Mun, and Italy retreats  
F Ank-Con

Winter 1905--

AUSTRIA (Osmanson): B A Vie  
ENGLAND (Wiskow): B A Lon  
FRANCE (Mahler): B F Mar  
GERMANY (Richter): SP  
ITALY (Hollingsworth): SP  
TURKEY (Thomas): R F Bla

SPRING 1906 ORDERS due April 27, 1973 at  
noon, eastern time.

Winter 1905 Positions--

Austria: A Ven, A Tyr, F Ion, F Gre, A Liv,  
A Mos, A Sev, A Rum, A War, A Bul, A Vie 911);  
England: F Bar, F Den, A Nor, F Nth, F Ber,  
A Bel, A Ruh, A Kie, A StP, A Lon (10);  
France: F Aeg, A Nap, F Tyr, A Rom, A Pie,  
A Mun, A Bur, F Mid, F Mar (9); Germany: F  
Swe (1); Italy: F Con, F Apu (2); Turkey:  
A Ank (1)

Press--

France (Ion-Aeg)--In a rare November campaign,  
Admiral Iavelle has seized the Dodecanese  
Islands from Italy. When asked why, he replied,  
"All Rome's lead to Rhodes."

To Stephan, happiness is not being in  
Poland. Talk about stench, even your slogan  
spells CeSS.

General Hatton--My past record of success  
(see Imp. #14) means you dang well better  
listen. Them Frogs seem committed to a  
battle in the south, they should be committed  
for showing the Limies a bare rear. The  
Gypsies must try to get one of these two on  
their side, if not, they'll be creamed. chipped  
beef floating down the Danube. Austria will  
try to stick its nose into Turkey, but will  
de Gaule try the same? W '06: A 12, E 11,  
F 9, I 1, T 1.

Impassable--With meat preciously expensive,  
they better not try for that Danube special!

GAME 1972BG, Summer & Fall 1905

ENGLAND SLEEPS! BUT GETS TO BUILD TWO UNITS!  
THIS LOUSY WAR CONTINUES TO GO SLOW! SNORE...

Summer 1905--Russia retreats A Sil-Pru, and  
Turkey retreats F Aeg-Eas.

Fall 1905--

AUSTRIA (Pyle): A Mun S A Sil-Ber, A Sil-  
Ber/r/, A Gal-War, A Rum-Sev, A Bul S F  
Aeg-Con, F Aeg-Con, A Tyr S A Mun  
FRANCE (Murray): F Wes-Lyo, F Mid-Spa (SC),  
A Gas-Mar, A Bur S A Gas-Mar  
GERMANY (DePrisco): A Ruh-Mun  
ITALY (Hrbek): F Por S A Spa, F Lyo S A Mar,  
A Spa S A Mar, A Mar S A Spa/r/, F Ion C  
A Apu-Tun, A Apu-Tun  
RUSSIA (Fish): A Con-Sev/a/, F Bla C A Con-  
Sev, A Smy-Ank, A War-Sil, A Ber S A War-  
Sil, A Pru-War, F Bot-Bal  
TURKEY (Tovson): F Eas-Smy  
ENGLAND (Keller): NOR F Eng H, A Pic H,  
F Bel H, A Hol H, F Nth H, F Swe H, A  
Kie H

AUTUMN & WINTER 1905 ORDERS due Thursday,  
April 27, 1973 at noon, eastern time.

Fall 1905 Supply Center Chart--

Austria: Home, Ser, Gre, Bul, Mun, Rum,  
Con (9) B2  
England: Home, Nor, Den, Bel, Hol, Swe,  
Kie (9) B2  
France: Par, Bre, Mar, Spa, ~~W~~ (3) R1  
Germany: ~~Kie~~ (0) R1 and is out of game!  
Italy: Home, Por, Spa, War, Tun (6) SP  
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Russia: Home, ~~Ruh~~, ~~Lon~~, ~~Smy~~, Ank, Ber (6)  
 SP, lost 1 unit F '05  
 Turkey: Ank, Smy (1) SP

Press--

Germany?--Since I don't have much choice left in what I remove, it looks as if this is the end. Thanks for the game, guys, it's been fun.

To Mr. Fish--Now that you have been stabbed by your loyal ally, I have a question for you. Are you suffering from optirecadundus?

Vienna (LRV)--Sept. 19. The Dictator today announced his great pleasure with all members of the Austrian Armed Forces. It is hoped that the great war against Russia will continue to be as successful as this first thrust. The Dictator stated that he hopes to destroy all "Fish" that live in Russia.

Impassable--It's still as dull as a doorknob, er, doornail, er....whatever, this war beats peace by a mile, er...peace!

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 GAME 1972BW, Spring 1905

COA--David Davies, 2385 Lawrence Ave., San Bernardino, CA 92404

Winter 1904 Revisited--Italy had A Gal, not A Rum

Spring 1905--

ENGLAND (Nielsen): A Lon H, F Swe-Nor, F Nth S F Swe-Nor, F Nwg S F Swe-Nor  
 FRANCE (DePrisco): A Ruh-Hol, A Bel S A Ruh-Hol, A Pic S A Bel, F Eng S A Bel, A Par-Bur/nsu/, A Mar S A Par-Bur/nsu/, A Bur/u/  
 GERMANY (Davies): A Vie-Boh/a/, A Kie S A Mun, A Hol-Ruh, A Mun S A Hol-Ruh, F Bal-Den  
 ITALY (Lindauer): A Alb-Tri, A Bud S A Gal-Vie, A Gal-Vie, A Ser S Rus A Rum-Bul/nso/, A Sil-Boh, A Tyr-Tri, F Bul (SC)-Aeg/a/, F Ion S F Bul (SC)-Aeg  
 RUSSIA (Knudsen): A Sev S A Rum, A War-Gal, A Mos-War, A Rum S Tur A Gre-Bul, A Nor-Fin, F Den-Swe, F StP (NC)-Nor  
 TURKEY (Abbott): A Gre-Bul, A Con S A Gre-Bul, F Aeg S A Gre-Bul, F Eas-Ion

FALL 1905 ORDERS due Thursday, April 27, 1973 at noon, eastern time.

Press--

Game 1 (Bisher, Black)--2) P-QB4  
 Game 2 (Bisher, White)--3) NXP  
From Russia with love--If 3. NXP, then 3...  
 P-Q3! Question, Mr. Bisher, are you going by a book? Why don't we skip some moves?  
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Impassable--From Russia, etc. is Bpasky's reply to Bisher.

Rome to Berlin--Maybe they do speak German in Vienna, but just try to find out what they speak in the rest of the Italian Empire, and they won't even be speaking German in the Fatherland!

Swiss Times--An idea to install hotline telephone communications between the capital cities of Europe was rejected by everyone because the general consensus was that Europe doesn't want nor need phony negotiations.

Reykjavik, Iceland--DULL; DULL; DULL; DULL; dull; dul; du; d;....Maybe there'll be something interesting next time.

Impassable--I doubt it.

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 GAME 1972CD, Autumn & Winter 1904

ITALY BUILDS TWO TO TAKE THE LEAD IN WAR!

Fall 1904 Revisited--England owns Denmark and does not lose two, only one.

Autumn 1904--England retreats F Nor-Nth and disbands F StP (NC)

Winter 1904--

AUSTRIA (De Lucia): SP  
 ENGLAND (Schleinkofer): SP  
 FRANCE (McKeon): B F Mar  
 GERMANY (Ray): R A Ruh, A Hol  
 ITALY (Morris): B F Rom, A Ven  
 RUSSIA (Brennan): B A War, will be 1 short  
 TURKEY (Nelson): R A Gal

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Winter 1904 Positions--

Austria: A Bud, A Rum (2); England: F Hel, F Den, F Nth, A Lon (4); France: A Bel, A Bur, A Mun, A Sil, F Eng, F Spa (SC), F Mar (7); Germany: F Ska, F Bal, A Ber (3); Italy: A Ser, A Tri, A Vie, F Smy, F Eas, F Nap, F Rom, A Ven (8); Russia: F Nor, A StP, A Mos, A War (4); Turkey: F Gre, F Aeg, A Con, A Bul, A Sev (5)

Press--

Alexander the Great--There has been a communication hold up and Turkey's offer was late.

Rome, Dec. 1, 1904--Today a renewal of the Franco-Italian neutrality pact was signed. It has been agreed that both nations will remain at peace with each other for the next two years. Likewise, all of Italy's other agreements and treaties have been reaffirmed.

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At the same time, the Italian Army and Navy are making preparations for new offensives this coming spring against the enemies of the Kingdom. Until then, a cease-fire will be observed.

Predicting the End--Our game is supposed to last twenty years? Where is it all going to end!

Impassable--Me thinks some big power like France or Italy won't wait that long to try and pick up all the marbles!

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GAME 1972CJ, Summer & Fall 1904

Note--Mr. Richter is the new player for Turkey since Atteberry missed twice in a row. His address is: 2470 W. Walton, Pontiac, MI 48055

PORTUGUESE EMPIRE IS DESTROYED BY BARBARIANS FROM ITALY! AUSTRIAN EMPIRE STRETCHES FROM SMYRNA TO BELGIUM! WILL ENGLAND RETREAT TO HOLLAND? AUSTRIAN STAB AGAINST RUSSIA FAILS!

Summer 1904--Turkey retreats A Smy-Ank

Fall 1904--

AUSTRIA (Verheiden): A Bur-Bel, A Ruh S A Bur-Bel, A Bud-Rum, A Ser S A Bud-Rum, A Bul S A Bud-Rum, F Gre S A Bul, F Aeg-Con, A Smy S F Aeg-Con

ENGLAND (Cairns): F Mid-Iri, F Eng-Bre, F Nth H/r/, A Bel H/r/, F Edi-Cly

FRANCE (Cooper): F Lvp H

GERMANY (Ostapkovich): A Hol-Kie, F Den S A Hol-Kie

ITALY (Iakofka): F Spa (SC) S F Wes-Mid, F Por S F Wes-Mid, F Wes-Mid, F Tyr-Wes, A Pie-Mar, A Gas-Bre, A Par S A Gas-Bre

RUSSIA (Wrobel): F Nor-Nth, F Hel S F Nor-Nth, A Swe-Nor, A Ber-Kie, A Sil H, A Ukr S A Rum, A Rum H, F Sev S A Rum

TURKEY (Richter): F Bla-Con, A Ank S F Bla-Con

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Fall 1904 Supply Center Chart--

Austria: Home, Ser, Gre, Bul, Mun, Con, Bel, Smy (10) B2

England: Edi, Lon, Lvp, Bel, Nor, (Hol?) 2 or 3, Removes 2 or 3

France: Bre, Lvp (1) SP

Germany: Den, Min, (Hol?) 2 or 3, SP or B1

Italy: Home, Tun, Spa, Mar, Por, Par, Bre (9) B2

Russia: Home, Swe, Rum, Ber, Kie, Nor (8) SP

Turkey: Ank, Smy (1) R1

Press--

Gray who?--Is playing England, perhaps? Noodle Press--\*\*\*FLASH\*\*\*Vienna\*\*\*It was announced today that Achdu Lieber, Prime Minister of the High Council (that's a statement of their title, not their mental state) ((or is it?)), will soon travel the entire civilized world in search of an honest man. He will, of course, avoid Russia, Austria, England, France, Germany, Turkey, Italy, Egypt, India, Canada, the U.S. of you-know-where, Mexico, all of South America, Miami Beach, Vegas and South Vietnam. He will make a brief two-week lay-over (hang on to that) at Madam Figi Foonman's Oriental Massage Parlor and Car Wash in Taipei. Said Herr Lieber, "Is berry, berry reraxing from hard day dipromacizing."

Vienna (OPA)--The Austro-Hungarian Geological Survey has been besieged with requests for border surveys by various foreign governments as of late. Curiously enough, these requests invariably ask that these surveys be conducted on borders of other foreign governments and further that in order to insure the safety of the survey teams, a military force of not less than 3-4 armies (or fleets as the case may be) be taken along. While the government acknowledges the need for accurate border surveys, it questions whether or not the presence of armed survey teams on the border could be easily misconstrued by the governments involved and further whether surveys of other borders should be neglected while this is going on. It should be noted that the Geological Survey has been heavily taxed already with its activities in the newly liberated German and Turkish sectors.

Philadelphia, Pa.--FROM THE DESK OF HIZZONER THE MAYOR, THE INCONCEIVABLE FRANK L. RIZZO: Try saying that twelve times fast.

Impassable--Even for this Peter Piper Picker Pro, I can't do it!

Budapest (A Bud-Rum)--To Marshal Gurk of the Russian High Command: If A Rumania was properly supported, nothing should have happened. If not, you certainly can't say it was for lack of adequate warning.

Jamul--Do you wonder why Warsaw is named Warsaw? Throughout the miserable history of the Polish Slum City, invaders came from everywhere and passed through in haste for fear of being overwhelmed by the stench. First one empire would hold Warsaw, and then another empire would hold Warsaw. So back and forth this continued until one day a bright Pole who was out in the countryside trying to get a clean lungful of air thought about it and renamed Wrobelslum as Warsaw because of the see-saw wars that took and

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retook the Polish hicktown. For his bright thinking, Stanly Rumble was awarded the City's highest award: The Polish Fickle Big Toe Award!

The Dream Maker--

The room in which Stan Wrobel, and his warlock possessor, Lendore, sat suddenly grew cold and dark. Stan cried again, "CREXEUS NETORBO REX, SENESTRAE OMICOROTON VEX ENEMO!"

Lendore was powerless to stop Sinestrae's appearance as he had not conquered Rumble's will! A fiery cloud began to build in a corner of the room. An echoing, bellowing voice came from the cloud, "Lendore! ENDEMO VEX?" A moment passed.

"Lendore, you did not summon me! It was this human. You have tried to ally with humans! I shall break you! Lendore, you are powerless! Human! Cast out the warlock! I will help you! Chant the ENDEMO, human, with me!"

"ENDEMO NETORBI VOX, CREXENDO LENDORE NOBO!" A wisp of light came from Stan's head and formed in a tiny blue cloud between Sinestrae and Stan.

"Lendore! I have you without a host! I am mightier than you in this form, and I shall slay you! You and the three other traitors! Then I shall destroy the Earth--I am tired of playing with men! They will not worship me, they will not be my slaves--I shall kill them!"

"You will kill all humans?" Stan cried.

"You dare speak human?" Lendore has chosen a host wisely. It is men like yourself that keep the Earth from me! I shall let you watch my victory human--you shall be my footstool--the last human alive! You shall see all other humans die!"

"What have I done?" thought Stan Rumble! He had to act quickly. Perhaps some of Lendore's spirit was still in contact with him. If only he could move in time!

"Lendore--If I save you, will you stop the destruction of Earth?" Stan thought.

"Yes Rumble--But act quickly!" cried Lendore's will in Stan's mind.

DEMO EMMIC LENDORE! COTORBI CREXDEMO EMBO!" The tiny cloud of light became one with Stan Rumble! "Human! You DARE \_\_\_\_\_"

"Now, I am mightier than you Sinestrae! I have a willing host!" The Red Cloud vaporized instantly.

"Now Stan, give me your will!" "You have it Lendore, let us act."

"CREXENDO SINESTRAE NOBO! ENDEMO NETORBI VOX!" "We have done it Stan Rumble! Sinestrae has no human host! Now let us work to gain the power of the other three spirits and overthrow him for good!"

to be continued!

GAME 1972CK, Fall 1904

FRANCE SUFFERS PARTIAL CIVIL DISORDER!  
ENGLAND TRIUMPHS WITH THREE NEW SUPPLY CENTERS!

AUSTRIA (Chin): F Eas S Ita F Ion-Aeg, A Bud S A Ser, A Ukr-Mos, A Rum-Sev, A Ser H  
ENGLAND (St. Johns): F StP (NC) H, F Nor S F StP (NC) H, F Swe-Fin, F Den S Ita A Mun-Kie, F Nth-Bel, F Eng-Bre  
FRANCE (Grey): NOR. F Bel H/r/, A Ruh H, A Pic H, A Bur H, A Mar H, F Wes H  
GERMANY (Lindauer): A Ber-Kie, A Hol S Eng F Nth-Bel, F Hel S A Hol  
ITALY (Gershenson): A War S Aus A Ukr-Mos/r/, A Mun-Kie, A Tyr-Tri, F Mid-Spa (SC), F Nap-Tyr, F Ion-Aeg  
RUSSIA (Davis): A Fin-Nor, A Mos-War, A Liv S A Mos-War  
TURKEY (White): A Alb-Gre, F Gre-Aeg, F Aeg-Con, A Bul S A Alb-Gre, F Smy S F Gre-Aeg

AUTUMN & WINTER 1904 ORDERS due April 27, 1973 at noon, eastern time.

Fall 1904 Supply Center Chart--

Austria: Vie, Bud, ~~Ttt~~, Ser, Rum, Mos, Sev, (6) B1  
England: Home, StP, Nor, Den, Swe, Bel, Bre (9) B3  
France: Par, Mar, ~~Bel~~, ~~Spa~~, Por, ~~Bre~~ (3) R3  
Germany: Ber, ~~Kie~~, Hol (2) R1  
Italy: Home, Tun, Mun, ~~War~~, ~~Kie~~, Tri, Spa (8) B2  
Russia: ~~Ser~~, War, ~~Mos~~, ~~Smy~~ (1) R2  
Turkey: Home, Bul, Gre (5) SP

Press--

Constantinople, July 1--Enraged over repeated and costly failures by Turkish forces at the front and by the apparent collapse of our Russian allies, the oppressed Greek peoples of the Empire overthrew the decadent Turks and proclaimed the Neo-Byzantine Empire. Asked if he had any comments on the Revolution before being sewn into a gunny sack and cast into the Golden Horn, the bleary-eyed and for once sober Sultan replied, "It was Greek to me."  
Constantinople, July 4--In his first public speech, the newly crowned Emperor Basil V proclaimed "Although I would prefer our boundaries to be similar to that of Justinian, to expand now would only expand our weakness. It must be our policy to survive the assaults of the barbarians on our borders while Europe is thrown into a new dark age. We cannot now win this senseless war, but I guarantee that we shall not lose it. We shall fortify our borders secure in the knowledge that, although we are not impregnable, it will take so long (cont. on next page)

to defeat us that those who threaten us will be exposed to treachery or attack from a new and stronger foe. We can no longer rely on anyone but ourselves, but we must and shall hold out."

Harvey to Michael--No hard feelings, alright? Just because you were too pigheaded to ever listen to what I had to say; and because you seem to have taken a definite dislike to me (or my country) right from the beginning is no reason for me to wish anything bad on you. No, quite the contrary. I hope that you get everything that's coming to you, AND SOON! (Are you listening England and Italy?)

Berlin--It may be hard to believe, but Germany hasn't even been doublecrossed or stabbed once this entire year. Something must be wrong. You guys out there are slipping. I'm expecting one doublecross this Fall and I'll be very surprised if it doesn't come, (I think that the person that I'm speaking of knows who he is, so there is no need for any elaboration.)

Impossible--Down with the stupid Kaiser!  
Headlinesville--ITALIAN FLEET LANDS IN PORTUGAL! ENGLISH LAND FLEETS IN BREST AND BELGIUM! FRANCE CONTINUES TO SECURE IT'S BORDER FROM AN ALMOST DEAD GERMAN EMPIRE! STRANGE? (Maybe this is just a dream, but many a dream has turned into a reality, right Michael?) (From guess who again!)

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GAME 1972DD, Spring 1904

RUSSIANS RETREAT UNDER HUGE ONSLAUGHT! WILL IT BE A SCORCHED-EARTH POLICY? WAR IS WAR!

AUSTRIA (LeerKamp): A Ser-Rum, A Gal S A Ser-Rum, A Vie-Bud, A Bul S A Ser-Rum, A Boh S A Gal, F Aeg S A Bul

ENGLAND (Dick): F Nwg-Bar, F Nth S Ger A Kie-Den, A Edi-Lvp

FRANCE (Fujihara): A Mun S Ger A Ber H, A Par-Bur, A Mar-H, F Mid-Wes, F Eng-Mid, F Nat-Nwg

GERMANY (Chin): F Hol-Hel, F Nor-Swe, A Ber H, A Kie-Den, A Ruh S Fra A Mun

ITALY (Roll): A Pie H, F Rom-Tyr, F Nap-Ion, F Con-Ank, A Arm S F Con-Ank, F Smy H

RUSSIA (Nelson): F Swe-Nor, A Den H/a/, A War-Ukr, A Sil-War, A Pru S A Sil-War, A Rum-Sev, A Ank H, F Bla S A Ank

FALL 1904 ORDERS due Thursday, April 27, 1973 at noon, eastern time.

Press--

Isgaard--In this remote eastern region resides the sacred Bumma who is reknowned for his

holy ways and prophetic vision. Thousands of people come each year to seek his wise counsel and prediction of future happenings. Approached one day by an emissary from the west, he was asked as to fate of the war in Europe. Leaning back on his fur lined gold chair, he passed his ring ocered hand across his face and replied:

"I see the cold wind of the east blowing across the land. I see a fortune that will be made in heaters" The agent took careful note then once again asked of the European wars. The Exalted Bumma put down his jewel encrusted gold cup and said,

"The powers of the east shall triumph and conquer. The east shall move with great strength, but will blunder in the south. The west shall move with vigor and push upon the east. It shall then be the power that takes the most that will win. I have spoken."

But the Bumma was not finished, he got up and spoke to the agent saying, "My son, let me give you some free advice: Speak softly and...away from me. You've got bad breath. That will be 100,000 pieces of gold, please."  
Somewhere in Sicily--After a hearty belch, "Burp," Alfonzo Wop, Commander of the two new fleets clears his dinner table with his huge hairy arm...crash!

"Now Comrads, we must decide what to do with out, our.....oh, yes, fleets. We have the option of going Shrimp fishing, Spong diving, Picking olives in Greece or squashing grapes in Iberia." Rumor has it that the Italian fleets elected to go to Iberia to squash grapes and tank up.

Ocean Press--Late indications are that-- although Vodka and spaghetti may not mix, he who yodels last doesn't laugh.

Mad Magazine--Will the real King Richard please stand up?....or sit down?.....fall down?.....anything!

Who's Who--Mr. LeerKamp--The Vacillator  
Mr. Dick--The Allies Ally  
Mr. Fujihara--Mr. Adroit  
Mr. Chin--The Nexus  
Mr. Roll--The Push Me-Pull Me  
Mr. Nelson--Mr. Target  
Mr. Stone--Mr. Cold Turkey (alias

Stone Dead)

Impassable--Mr. Boyer--our brave, intelligent, heroic, brilliant, creative, witty, etc. Gamesmaster!

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Modesty is the only sure bait when you angle for praise.--Chesterfield.

Modesty died when false modesty was born.

--S.L. Clemens



GAME 1972DF, Summer & Fall 1903

RUSSIA IS DESTROYED! TURKISH FORCES LAND IN ITALY--THE REVERSE LEPANTO! AUSTRIA GETS A BUILD! THE WAR CONTINUES GOING FULL CIRCLE!

Summer 1903--France retreats A Pie-Tyr and F Eng-Mid

Fall 1903--

AUSTRIA (Conner): A Vie S A Bud, A Bud S A Vie

ENGLAND (Lindauer): A Mos S Ger A Pru-War,

F Eng-Bre, F Nth-Eng, F Nwg-Nat, F Wal-Iri

FRANCE (Hilliker): F Mid-Bre, A Tyr-Ven,

A Mar-Bur, F Lyo-Mar, F Spa (SC)-Por

GERMANY (Schill): A Bur-Par, A Pru-War, A

Sil S A Pru-War, F Swe-Den, F Den-Kie,

A Bel-Bur, A Mun S A Bel-Bur

ITALY (Fujihara): A Pie-Mar, A Tus-Ven, F

Tyr-Nap, F Wes-Tun

RUSSIA (Grove): A Gal-Rum, A Ukr S A Gal-Rum

TURKEY (Blank): F Aeg C A Bul-Apu, F Ion C

A Bul-Apu, A Arm-Sev, A Bul-Apu, A Ser S

A Sev-Rum, A Rum-Bul, F Bla-Con, A Sev-Rum

WINTER 1903 ORDERS DUE Thursday, April 27, 1973 at noon, eastern time.

Fall 1903 Supply Center Chart--

Austria: Vie, Bud, Tri (3) R1

England: Home, Nor, StP, Mos (6) B1

France: Bre, ~~Par~~, Mar, Spa, Por (4) R1

Germany: Home, Bel, Hol, Den, Swe, Par, War (9) B2, only 1 center open

Italy: Home, Tun (4) SP

Russia: ~~Mos~~, ~~War~~ (0) R3 and is out of game

Turkey: Home, Bul, Gre, Rum, Sev, Ser (8) SP

Press--

Emperor William V of Austria-Hungary--You will no doubt remember! The War of Austrian Preservation started in the Spring of 1901 with King Fred III of Italy launching his Venice Army into Trieste in conjunction with Czar Eric of Russia launching his Warsaw Army into Galicia. It was a joint sneak attack since there was no declaration of war.

Austria acknowledged the attack with a formal Declaration of War upon Italy on May 1, 1901 and upon Russia on May 2, 1901. Austria immediately sent out requests for aid to the rest of Europe! Spring 1901 also saw Premier Chic directing the French fleet of Brest into the English Channel.

July 15, 1901, Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany stated, "I will avenge the treachery!"

July 23, 1901, Premier Chic of France stated, "I have already warned Italy to pull back or France shall go to war for our

Austrian friends!"

July 26, 1901, Prime Minister Harvey of England expressed deepest sympathy and basic support, but reluctance due to French channel threat.

July 30, 1901, Sultan Walter of Turkey expressed deepest sympathy and basic support but did not feel Italy and Russia were his enemies.

Fall 1901 saw heavy diplomatic action everywhere while Italy and Russia pressed the attack on Austria while France and England engaged in heavy fleet fighting over London. Germany blocked Russia in Sweden while Turkey swarmed into the Balkans. The Austrian Fleet was destroyed at the end of the year.

December 30, 1901, Austria issued her Blue Paper calling for unified help (a Quintuple Alliance?).

February 3, 1902, Sultan Walter of Turkey announced that Austria would survive!

April 16, 1902, Sultan Walter of Turkey stunned Europe by stating that Czar Eric of Russia had Declared War on Turkey! Pledge Army of Serbia support.

May 1, 1902, Premier Chic Hilliker of France offered England a cease-fire in the interest of Austrian Preservation and a Quintuple Alliance.

Spring 1902 results in the formation of the NON-QUINTUPLE ALLIANCE joint activities against Italy and Russia.

July 1, 1902, Prime Minister Harvey of England accepted France's truce but not a Quintuple Alliance which gave birth to the NON-QUINTUPLE ALLIANCE; a point of fact whether or not named!

Spring 1903, England and Germany attacked France. Thus ending the NON-QUINTUPLE ALLIANCE.

The NON-QUINTUPLE ALLIANCE worked together as a team in both Spring and Fall of 1902 and lasted by my reckoning from December 30, 1901 (Blue Paper) until July 1, 1903 (Smile Paper). Diplomacy 1972DF will go down in Diplomacy history!

From the Italian Beaches of Apu--Sultan Blank accepts Joe Pro's invitation to a test of skill. As everyone knows, the Turks invented the game of chess long ago and are thus the conceded masters of the game!!

Five--First move in event of White is P-K4. If Black and he moves P-K4, I'll do the same. Joe Schmore to Joe Pro--Why not? My number is 1. If I'm white, my first move is P-K4. Joe Pro--I pick 9! So, if you picked odd, you're white. ((Conditional orders used below. --GM))

Impassable--Joe Pro will be playing two games against two opponents and will be Black in (cont. on next page)

both games. Here are the first moves:

Game #3

Game #4

White-Five, Black-Joe P. White-Schmoe, Bl.-Pro

1. P-K4 1. P-QB4 1. P-K4 1. N-KB3

You better watch it, fellas, this Joe Pro is no slouch!

Hobbie Nob Jobs Mosque--The new Italian government's blatant ignorance of Turkish power and religious convictions have prompted this declaration of war on the New Italian Monarchy to be called the first Islamic Holy War versa the seat of Roman power.

Russian Underground--As the sun sets slowly over Russia.....Well seriously, congratulations to all victors in the battle (what battle!). Good luck to everybody in the game! Have fun in the coming years. It's been great!

China--Confucious say: He who not watch his allies will soon not be able to watch.

The Green Book--Where the fruit of the poppy mixes with the juice of grapes, there will you find a drunken addict.

The Yellow Book--He that drinks much from the cup of power goes more often to the john.

The Brown Book--Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's woman. She's a fat, ugly broad anyway.

Impassable--%#&\*#!\*#. Sorry Prussia, but I did throw it out this time! Can't find it this time. Keep your press on one set of orders! I wash my hands of the Missing Press Affair!

Prussia--Did I finally get Warsaw? Did I finally realize the profit that Austria and Turkey have promised for two years? Or will Turkey fink again and cut the English support?

Paris--Kaiser Wilhelm II victoriously entered into this fair city today. He thanked the French for wisely declaring Paris an open city to prevent any harm to this the fairest city on Earth. He also discounted any rumors of ill treatment that are sure to start. And lastly, he promised to return the original government to all of France as soon as hostilities have ceased in Europe.

Gascony--Why does the Kaiser threaten us under the guise of promises?

Berlin--Damn the Polish!

Impassable--Guess what?

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BACK TO THAT GREAT DEBATE!

Edi Birsan, if you will remember, tried to intervene in Impassable's greatest debate and in the next issue got blasted by both of the debaters. Rightly or wrongly, Edi has again intervened, only this time he is making an accusation that the debate is a big fraud! See next column for his article!

TO DEBATE OR TO DE-BAIT

by Edi Birsan

When the sparks began to fly between Conrad and Len over various unclear matters, I suspected that there was something very odd about the whole arrangement of the 'debate.' The co-ordination of mis-communication and the timing of rising numbers of hostile adjectives seemed so perfect that I suspected a behind-the-scenes set-up. Why conspire to form a phoney debate? ((We must agree with Edi. The idea that this debate was a fraud demanded our close attention and will demand an explanation!)) At the time I figured that possibly they were attempting to create a situation in which a third party would tacitly be enlisted in order to expand upon a complex problem facing the hobby. This issue, as I saw it, was the smoldering problem of professionalism vs. the hobbyist in the postal world. Then Impassable #18 arrived.

Promptly reading the double blast leveled at me alledgedly from Conrad and Lakofka, I came to the immediate conclusion that not only was the situation a 'set-up', but that they had decided to side step the issue of professionalism and instead to use the set-up to pound away at the theme of interference in feuds/debates is "No Good." This is most unfortunate, for the theme of attacking people who step into debates with growing hostilities detracts from the hobby and encourages us to ignore the anger about us rather than to act to turn a destructive situation into one which can create a vital service to the hobby: honest debate of real issues.

In re-reading the columns in Impassable #18, I was struck by the contrast of writing styles. After a decade of being Diplomacy's literary light, master of press and syntax, we are lead to believe that Conrad von Metzke has suddenly taken on the writing style of a pregnant elephant in heat with a broken hand to boot. Further, we are lead to believe that Conrad's vocabulary has distinigrated to the point where he assails his opponent with such terms as "dupe" and "Tripe" (with a capital 't' no less). Compounding the erasing of 10 years of press release, he supposedly drenches his sentences with exclamation marks and forgets how to gently use the semi-colon as well as complex sentences of more than one or two verbs.

Equally sudden was the burst of literacy on Len's part. Not only does he expand his vocabulary to include "puerility" and full knowledge of both compound and complex

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sentences, but he also masters the use of the semi colon and the concept of a paragraph; something which has escaped all postal Diplomacy publishers east of San Diego.

Therefore, allow me to de-bait the set-up; albeit too late. The only point being made by the affair is that if you allow Conrad to write your lines they will be written well.

Impassable here: Yes, it also seems to me; consequently, as a result of Edi's letter, that the English in the above article appears to be too good for Edi's local Brooklyn language. I am not cutting Edi's English up, but perhaps we should consider the possibility that it is Edi (at least the letter arrived with his postmark on the envelope) who is trying to pull a hoax! I seriously doubt whether Edi is right, but as I have stated before, I will be looking into this matter very closely! Meanwhile, we have another letter about the debate; this one's from Jerry Lightner, one of our new subscribers:

"Mr. Boyer, I read your first issue very closely, and I want to ask you about the "Great Debate." Don't you think that the debate which has been appearing in the last few issues of your zine that it is all a fake? Seriously, I don't believe that Mr. Edi Birsan wrote that article in #17 of your zine! I think that you did it, Mr. Boyer! Please forgive me if I'm wrong, but I thought that you did a good job in blasting those two big name publishers (if you did write it). Otherwise, I think that Edi Birsan was trying to pull your leg. Please clear this up for me." Signed, Jerry Lightner.

Impassable here: Please note that I brushed up Jerry's letter and cut out a lot of stuff that he also asked about general information on the hobby. So, in case you readers might think that I was trying to pull something, remember that I edited Jerry's letter. Sorry that I have done so, Jerry, but I didn't have the room to print all of your letter. The point I'm making is whether I am or someone else is being duped here in this Great Debate. I will be having a big issue next time, and so plenty of room will be available to clear this whole thing up. Until then, peace..... later, maybe not!

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If they want peace, nations should avoid the pin-pricks that precede cannon-shots.

--Napoleon.

I realize that patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred toward any one.

--Edith Cavell.

## IMPASSABLE PUZZLES

### Solutions:

Puzzle #16--Push the cork in.

Puzzle #18--The hotel manager did not give the eighth man a room.

Puzzle #17--Let M1, M2 and M3 represent the missionaries and let C1, C2 and C3 represent the cannibals, with C3 able to operate the outboard motor; then this is how they crossed the river:

1. C1 and C3 cross, C3 returns.
2. C2 and C3 cross, C3 returns.
3. M1 and M2 cross, C1 and M2 return.
4. M2 and C3 cross, M1 and C2 return.
5. M1 and M3 cross, C3 returns.
6. C1 and C3 cross, C3 returns.
7. C2 and C3 cross.

Puzzle #19--A room is 30 feet long, 12 feet wide, and 12 feet high. A spider on the center line of the west wall of the room, one foot above the floor, sees a fly asleep on the center line of the east wall, one foot below the ceiling. The spider wants to get to the fly as soon as possible. Which is the shortest path for the spider to take to get to the fly and what is the length of this path?

Chess Puzzles: the solution was on the front page, but unfortunately, while typing it upside down (not so easy as I thought), I gave the wrong answer. It should have been that the Bishop moves to Queen Bishop six.. If Black goes first, he best chances for a win would be to first take a long look and then resign! He does not have a superior position, and white, though he doesn't have the queen, he does have a rook and knight plus a good position! At best, Black could try to equalize by exchanges, but I don't see any counter attack to offset White's inevitable attack on Black's King. Any comments?

## THIS EDITOR SPEAKS

Well, I suppose that the readers may have now noticed that the paper color is different. To be truthful, it isn't the same color. I was using what they called Beige, but then when I went to buy another year's supply of paper (50 reams or 25,000 sheets of paper) in various different colors. I bought pink paper for the DR, and Beige, Blue, Green, and Oyster for my gamezines. The paper being used for this issue is what they call Oyster. I was getting tired of the same old beige and wanted a change. So, this year we  
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will vary the color for each issue. This will help to break the monotony for the readers as well as for me.

The switch in deadline day to Thursday didn't seem to catch anyone off guard, and so that change was a success. Lastish I mentioned about changing deadline time. I haven't yet decided whether to do so, or not, but should have an opinion after one or two more issues.

This has been a bad weekend for me, and I somehow wasn't able to take advantage of the earlier deadline, but will be forced to wait until next issue to see how much it really can help.

In my spare time, I have been on a book reading binge. I read mostly science fiction, but also read horror, mysteries, and historical novels. The longer the book, the better. One recent science fiction book I read was titled, Macroscopic by Piers Anthony. It was an above average science fiction book, and I liked its philosophical approach. A lot of thinking went into the problems of intergalactic civilizations. In brief, the story is that man discovers the macroscope which allows him to pick up intergalactic "radio stations," to lack a better word at this moment. To compound the plot, a killer program interferes with the broadcasts and intelligent scientists are killed or made into idiots. However, one man, Ivo, succeeds in surviving listening and watching the killer program. The book goes on to discover what this killer signal was and then how to get rid of it. Along the way, other applications of the macroscope are found as well as the usual complicating human relationships which begin to distract the reader from the main

plot that is still carried out in a superb manner. In the end, man finds out what the killer signal was all about, but the future lies ahead and the reader is left in a very philosophical mood.

Two other books I want to discuss for contrast are Retief's Ransom by Keith Laumer and The Second Trip by Rober Silverberg. The first was a hilarious science fiction and combines a zany intergalactic situation with the problems of diplomacy and military domination of a queer planet by Earthmen and the Groaci. The books makes fun of all diplomatic protocol and of people in general, and only gets serious near the end of the book. I recommend this book for those who don't normally read science fiction, but do play Diplomacy.

The Second Trip mixes futuristic psychiatric cures with obscenities. Yes, the obscene bookshave made it to science fiction and no longer will it be the same as it was. I watched a science fiction movie last night; The War of the Worlds in which the invaders lose only because they come down with human diseases. A nice clean novel and movie.

Well, I suppose that there are those who like to have their books spiced up with sex scenes and four letter words, and for them, I recommend The Second Trip.

I am surprised that I ended up by giving three brief book reviews, but I do read a lot and it is a wonder that I haven't done so before. If the readers like them, I'll do future book reviews in more depth.

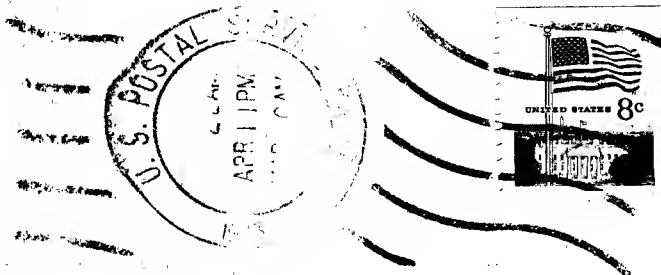
Because of the bad weekend, copies will be delayed a bit for traders and subbers. Hopefully, next time will be better for me. Until nextish, peace.

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